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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Discussion With [REDACTED]

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1. On 3 February 1959, [REDACTED] Chief of the [REDACTED] came over to my office to continue discussions that had been started with a larger group several weeks before concerning his report and production responsibilities.

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2. I pointed out to [REDACTED] that our concern was limited to several aspects of his work. One aspect was the inaccuracy and out-of-dateness of material which had been produced for another purpose and then appeared in his [REDACTED] reports verbatim, without any check being made on the material by competent people. The second concern was the fact that his shop was apparently going ahead with the production of H&E types of studies for countries on which we had not produced H&E geographies, and that this effort on their part constituted intelligence production. I pointed out that we felt that we were better equipped professionally to produce geographic intelligence reports of these specialized types, and that he should turn such requests over to us and at least give us the opportunity of working them into our program on a priority basis.

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3. [REDACTED] pointed out that he felt he was in a fairly good position, as far as DD/P components are concerned, to service their particular needs for information to support operational planning and other activities. The divisions are coming to him directly without going through OIS, and requesting that his shop gather together all sorts of bits and pieces of published information -- maps, charts, graphs, pictures -- and present this selection to the requester for his use. He said that the people requesting this peculiar kind of service liked what the [REDACTED] had done for them.

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4. We spent some time trying to pin down precisely the nature of the work of [REDACTED] branch, in addition to that which is already well known. One of the five people on his staff spends full time in liaison activity with information-producing components throughout the government. According to [REDACTED] this man is constantly on the move

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collecting those pieces of information which relate to specific projects which can be included in [REDACTED] publications with little or no change. The several other people, I presume, spend most of their time getting copy ready -- either by new composition or by rewriting -- for reproduction. One person -- a professionally trained geographer -- has according to [REDACTED] used various geographic source materials and produced, from time to time, escape and evasion studies and other kinds of information needed by the regional branches in DD/P in support of operations. There is really no way of telling how much and precisely what kind of work is being done by the [REDACTED] outside of UW collation support activities, which includes map lamination and the collation of already published intelligence materials of use in UW planning. It is quite apparent though that [REDACTED] is enjoying his rather unique position of producing intelligence within the DD/P structure by virtue of the fact that he is being called upon to do so in an informal manner by a number of his friends.

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5. When asked whether his publication had been approved by the Agency Publications Board, his answer was obviously no. I had anticipated this answer before asking the question, but felt that he ought to realize that there were certain publication standards to be met and he obviously is not meeting them.

6. We finally agreed that he would forward to the Geography Division requests for work which he receives which are clearly in our field of responsibility. Further, he will ask the appropriate people in the Geography Division to review portions of his [REDACTED] reports for accuracy, up-to-dateness, and completeness of data in those subjects in which we have competence. He also agreed that he would not presume we were unable -- because of time limitation -- to undertake work in our field, but would at least give us the opportunity of either accepting or turning down the work based upon our workload at the time. He also agreed to give due respect to cut-off dates of information, publication dates, authorship, and other features which would tend to add validity to the material included in his [REDACTED] publications.

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